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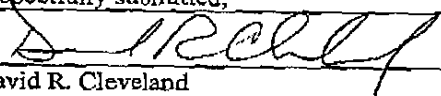
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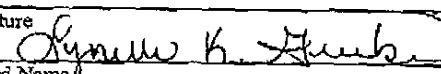
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Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments

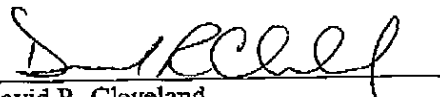
This is in reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed December 8, 2003 and summarizes a telephonic interview held today with Examiner Fletcher. Applicants wish to add the following comments on the Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Hall states at page 3, lines 30 - 3 that:

"a vibration in other planes gives useful improvements in the smoothness of the coating, presumably due to physical disturbance of the puddle of coating liquid previously mentioned. Vibration other than axial is diagrammatically illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4 by the double-headed arrows B and C, by way of example only."

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Under some substrate and roller speed combinations a train of rollers vibrated to-and-fro in the direction of substrate motion or vibrated against and away from the substrate might re-contact a wet coating on the substrate at positions whose lengths along the substrate with respect to a first position are not the same. Hall does not teach such a train or such an effect, and does not have two or more pick-and-place devices that rotate or translate in the direction of motion or four or more pick-and-place devices that rotate or translate counter to the direction of motion.

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